

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LEONARD TEYE-BOTCHWAY**



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**HONORARY CONSUL OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GHANA TO BERMUDA**







PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019

2pm - 5pm Celebration Of Life First Church of God, North Shore, Pembroke East

5.30 - 6.30pm Interment Richard Allen Cemetery, St. Georges

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

11am Memorial Service First Church of God, North Shore, Pembroke East





CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Processional - 2pm
Prayer - Prophet Charles Dixon
Song - Overwhelmed (Big Daddy Weave)
1st Scripture Reading (Psalm 121: 1-8) - Gill Tucker
2nd Scripture Reading (Psalm 103: 1-5) - William Dwayne Trott
Protocol - Nana Otu Turkson
Tribute - Dr Kern Reid
Tribute - His Excellency John Rankin
Tribute - Lt. Col. the Hon. David Burch
Other Tributes
Mrs Ronita Teye-Botchway
Addon Teye-Botchway
Bernhard Teye-Botchway
Dr. Wesley Miller
Mr. Jeffrey Elkinson
Dr Francis Mante
Mrs Shelly Kelly
Mrs Carol Ross DeSilva
Pastor Leroy Bean
Dr Beryl Dixon
Pastor Germaine
Remarks - His Excellency Papa Owusu-Ankomah
National Anthem of Ghana
Tribute - Hon. Mohammad Habibu Tijani
Acknowledgments - Nana Otu Turkson
Song - Syreeta Powell
Eulogy - Bishop Vernon George Lambe Sr., D.,D., MBE., JP.
Recessional - When the stars burn down (Phillip, Craig and Dean)
Pallbearers - Vernon Foggo, James Reese Bartley, Antoine Cannonnier,
Don DeSilva, Sinclair Reid, Patrick Reid and Korrin Lightbourne.

The Family of Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway do kindly requests that any donations be made in his name to the two Charities below which he supported in his lifetime.

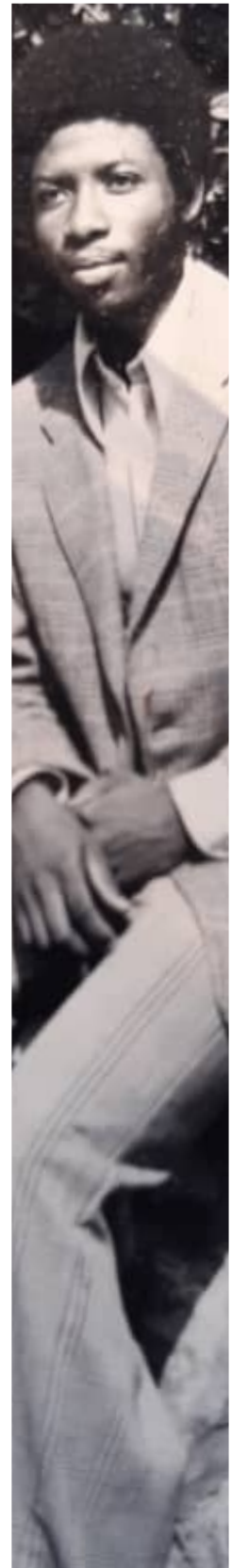
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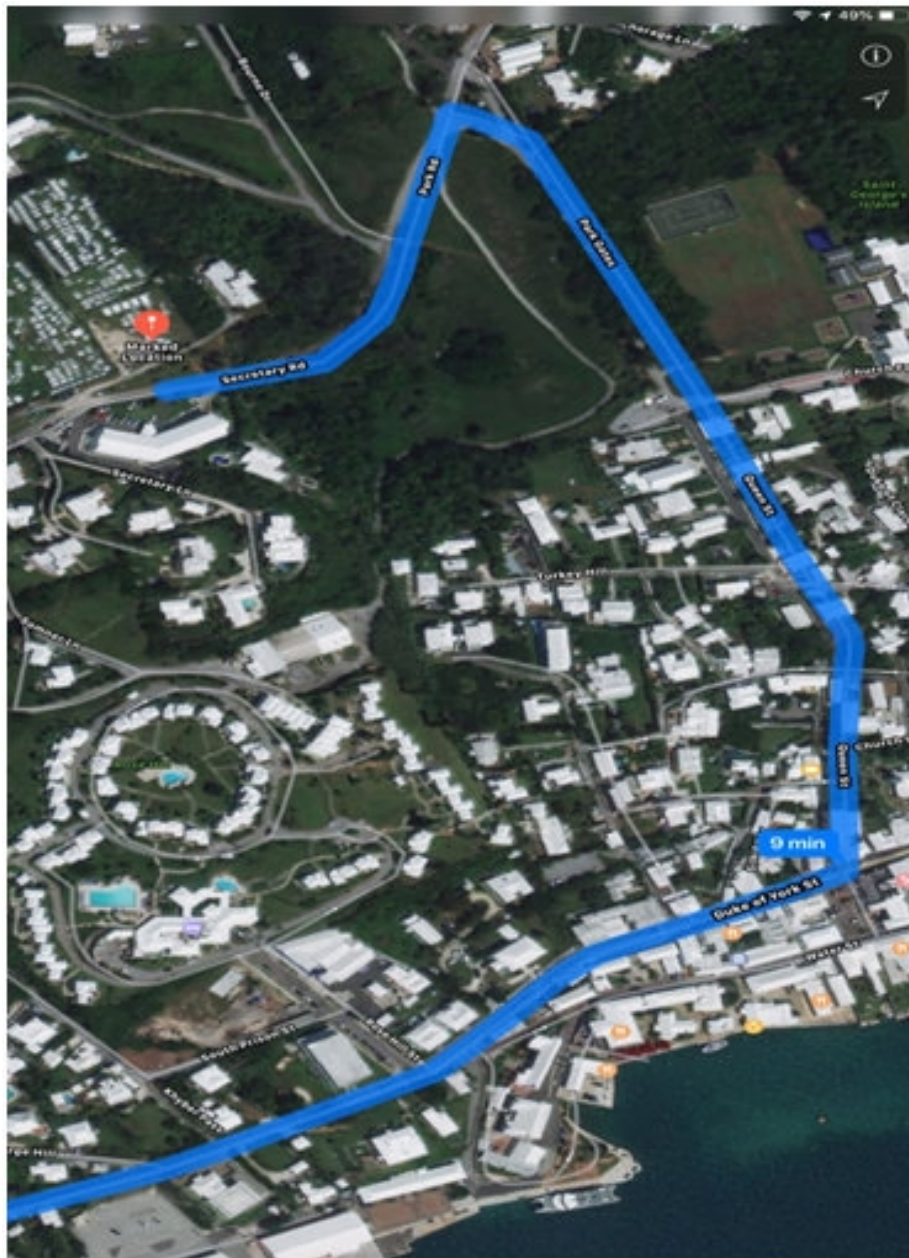
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BURIAL PROGRAMME

- Officiating Minister - Bishop Vernon George Lambe Sr., D., D., MBE., JP.
- Procession to grave
- Pallbearers - Chaka DeSilva, Dion Smith, Dwayne Trott, Xavier James, Rodwin Tucker, Don DeSilva
- Initial Interment Proceedings
- Remarks
- Final Interment Proceedings
- Benediction



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“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me, a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the Righteous judge shall give me on that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing---2 Tim 4:7-8 (KJV).

We are gathered here today in memory of our beloved Leonard so we may acknowledge and share both our joy in the gift that his life was to us, and the pain that his passing brings.

Your presence today is a testimony to the hundreds of lives who have benefited from Leonard’s talent, enjoyed his company and absorbed a lesson or two in the virtues of hardwork and perseverance that all true and great sportsmen possess.

LEONARD SWANE PICKARD NARTEI TEYE-BOTCHWAY came into this world on the 17th of August 1955. His father was the late Edward Narh Teye-Botchway of the Steele family of Prampram, Greater Accra Region. His father was a sportsman par excellence - a fine athlete himself in his heyday and a pioneer in the teaching of all sports disciplines from the 1940’s to the 1980’s until he retired. His mother, Grace Sybil Merley Teye-Botchway, (nee Martey), is a retired nursing administrator.

Leonard was the oldest of four children, two boys and two girls. One sibling, Rachel Narkuor Larmie, predeceased both father and Leonard. Surviving siblings are Margaret Amy Naameyah Essamuah and Bernhard Teye-Botchway.

Leonard was born in Kumasi, in the Ashanti region of Ghana, where his parents were working at the time. He started his early education in Takoradi at the home of Mrs Holdbrooke-Smith of blessed memory. Leonard went to St. John’s boarding school in Accra for a year and later moved to KNUST primary boarding school until his secondary education in Mfantsipim School.

He attended Mfantsipim from the year 1967 till 1974 with 105 other boys in his year. Hewas in lower dormitory of Balmer- Acquaaah house. Need I say he was a smart student and an outstanding athlete who proved his prowess in the field of athletics. He was also a highly skilled hockey player. This endeared him to all around. He was nicknamed Rev Dallas. Leonard was elected House-Prefect in 1973/74 when he entered 6th form.

Throughout secondary school, he was highly respected for his humility and fortitude.

Leonard was amongst 70 freshmen and women who entered the University of Ghana Medical School in 1974 and graduated in 1980. Whilst in medical school, Leonard continued with his sporting activities and was a great athlete during his days at medical school.

From 1978 to 1979 Leonard held the position of General Secretary, Ghana Medical Students’ Association. Leonard was the Ghanaian Representative at the International Federation of Medical Students General Assembly held in Austria in 1978.

In 1979 Leonard received the University of Ghana Sportsman of the Year Award. Leonard was a keen athlete and former West African Universities 400m Champion.

He accomplished a lot as an athlete which made both his university and family very proud.



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Leonard's post graduate career started out in 1981 at University Teaching Hospital, Accra, Ghana as a House Surgeon and subsequently a House Physician. In 1982 Leonard moved to Nigeria and became the Senior House Officer, Ophthalmology at the University Teaching Hospital.

While at the University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria, Leonard's positions included Registrar, Ophthalmology (1983-1985), Registrar, General Medicine (1985), Registrar, General Surgery (1985), Registrar, Ophthalmology (1985-1986). In 1986 Leonard was promoted to Senior Registrar, Ophthalmology and held the post until 1989.

In 1989 Leonard relocated to the UK and joined the Institute of Ophthalmology at the Moorfields Eye Hospital, London as a Boulter Fellow. In 1990 Dr. Teye-Botchway joined Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital/ Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa and held the position of Senior House Officer until 1992.

From 1993 to 1995 Leonard held the position of Registrar in Ophthalmology at the St. James's University Hospital N.H.S. Trust, Hull Royal Infirmary, General Infirmary, York District Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary all in Yorkshire England. In 1995 he held the positions of the Senior Clinical Medical Officer and Community Eye Physician at St. James University Hospital N.H.S. Trust, Leeds until 1997.

It was during his time in Leeds that he met his lovely wife Ronita. They met at a church on Bridge Street at a youth event they had both attended. Leonard was apparently hanging around the Youth Pastor and was on his way out to work on call when their first conversation took place. They exchanged numbers and the next magic was a trip to see Bodyguard and a snack of M&Ms which are Ronita's favourites. Within a few months of meeting, they had started dating and married soon after. Their marriage has been blessed with three boys; Adlai, Addon and Addi.

In 1997 Leonard joined Singleton Hospital in Swansea as a Consultant Ophthalmologist. It is worth mentioning that Leonard was involved with the teaching of medical students at The Jos University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria; St. James University Hospital in Leeds, United Kingdom; Singleton Hospital in Swansea, United Kingdom.

On leaving the Singleton Hospital, Leonard relocated to Bermuda. In Bermuda he became the Medical Director of the Bermuda International Eye Institute as the lead Ophthalmic Surgeon and Physician. He was later appointed as the Director of the Center for Vision Rejuvenation in Bermuda with responsibility to introduce innovative, state of the art ophthalmic laser technology to the establishment.

He was the leader in the delivery of ophthalmic care in Bermuda, and for a period of time practiced as the sole Ophthalmic Surgeon and Physician on the island. As Medical Director he pioneered multi-focal lens implantation, Optical Coherence Tomography, selective laser Trabeculoplasty, and Teleophthalmology. Leonard dedicated his life's work to building an advanced clinical ophthalmic service, at the frontiers of innovation, to meet the needs of Bermudians.

Committed to excellence, he established collaborative partnerships with internationally-renowned and preeminent ophthalmic institutions. These institutions include the Wilmer Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and the Eye Institute at the Lahey Clinic in Boston.

In 2006 Leonard performed the first multifocal lens implementation in Bermuda. The multifocal lens is a revolutionary and technologically advanced intraocular lens. Unlike other intraocular lenses which are monofocal, the multifocal allows patients the ability to see both near and far. This ability allows the patient to perform many activities and in most cases dependence on glasses is completely eliminated or greatly reduced.

A year after Leonard introduced state of the art management of retinal diseases to Bermuda, and simultaneously established a link with the Eye Institute of Lahey Clinic to provide enhanced eye care at the Bermuda Eye Institute by Lahey Specialists.

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The OCT Technology introduced to Bermuda by him, was the first for the Island.

Leonard collaborated with Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore in the management of problems with Diabetic Retinopathy and has forged a direct Teleophthalmology link (Telemedicine) between Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Bermuda Eye Institute.

A first of such links in the area of Ophthalmology. Leonard had an unwavering commitment to ensure that his staff consistently demonstrated superior quality care ensuring that every patient received the best and most compassionate vision care.

He was also committed to research and continuing medical education. He promoted continuing education here in Bermuda through supervision, training and funding.

He also arranged for the training and professional development of several staff members.

Notably, two of his staff members have achieved a first for resident Bermudians by obtaining the Certified Ophthalmic Assistant certification from the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS). Similarly, he promoted recognition of his Practice Manager to become a member of the American Society of Ophthalmic Administrators (ASOA).

Staff members have also had the opportunity to visit overseas Medical Centers like Lahey Clinic in Massachusetts, and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, for continuing education, and had also attended ASCRS and AAO (American Academy of Ophthalmology) conferences.

Leonard's Memberships and Associations included being a Member of American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons, the International Society of Refractive Surgery, the Canadian Ophthalmological Society, the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, the British Medical Association and the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology.

Leonard became a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons in 1988. He was also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.



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Leonard received various awards and attained academic achievements. In 1988 Leonard was the first Ghanaian to pass the final fellowship of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) by examination in any specialty. The award was made in February 1989.

In 1989/1990 Leonard was made the Boulter Fellow from the International Center for Eye Health, London. In 2011 he received the International Ophthalmologist Education Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In 2014 the American Academy of Ophthalmology recognised Leonard's life-long commitment to learning by honouring him with the International Scholar Award.

As an International Scholar, Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway joined an intellectual elite of Ophthalmologists worldwide. At various times, Leonard had engaged in further studies to improve his practice in the fields of Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy, External Eye Disease and Diabetic Laser, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Corneal and Behcets, Retinopathy of Prematurity, Severe Ocular Infections Course, Vitreo-Retinal, Vitreo-Retinal and External Eye Disease.

In 2008, Leonard was appointed as a Justice of the Peace (J. P.) by the Governor of Bermuda and in 2010, he was appointed as the Technical Advisor to Bermuda Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired. In 2017 he was appointed as a member of Criminal Injuries Compensation Board by the Governor.

Leonard was also appointed as the Honorary Consul of Ghana to Bermuda in 2011 on the recommendation of then Governor of Bermuda. This appointment highlighted the significance of his contributions and people of other nationalities to the Bermuda community. On his appointment, he was the only diplomatic representation of any African country on the Island.

Since his appointment, he has worked tirelessly to promote co-operation between the two countries and its people through economic development, trade, tourism and cultural exchanges and offered assistance to Government Departments in relation to any matters involving Ghana. The highlight of his service to his country was the recent visit of His Excellency Papa Owusu-Ankomah to Bermuda and the doors it opened for future relationships between the two countries.

In collaboration with the Bermuda National Trust, Leonard invested in preserving the building in which Mary Prince (one of Bermuda's National Heroes) lived. The Bermuda National Trust recognized the efforts of Leonard recently in designating the preserved building as a Heritage site. In keeping with a keen interest in the social fabric of the Bermudian Society, Leonard founded the charity arm of the Bermuda International Eye Institute Ltd., the Charis Foundation in 2005.

Through this Foundation, the Institute has been able to assist charities such as Age Concern, the Sunshine League and the Skills Development Program. Under Leonard's auspices, the Bermuda International Eye Institute, organized an annual 5K walk and race event for sixteen years to foster improved community relations and promote physical fitness as well as raise funds for various charitable causes.

Leonard also combined his dual passions for Ophthalmology and sport through his voluntary service. Affiliated to the International Paralympic Committee and International Blind Sports Federation, he achieved 'Visual Impairment International Classifier' status.

During Leonard's family time he enjoyed Christian and church activities, sports and fitness, and anachronistic re-enactments. Leonard was a wildlife and nature enthusiast along with a learner of history.

As we part ways with the wonderful person that Leonard was, let the lessons of his selfless commitment to duty, his family, lifelong learning, Ghana and the Bermuda community guide each of us in the service of others.

DR. LEONARD SWANE PICKARD NARTEI TEYE-BOTCHWAY fought a good fight, and finished the course well.
Till we meet again,
Rest in Perfect Peace!

TRIBUTE FROM WIFE AND CHILDREN



To My One & Only

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Song Of Solomon 8:7

It was good to travel through life with my best friend since September 4th, 1993.

Len, you were the best example of a godly man . . . a man I admire, respect, and loved more than anyone else in the world. We were happy to be married to each other.


You were my very best friend for twenty six blissful years, the one I trusted with my feelings, my hopes and my dreams. With you I found the perfect partner, and the sweetest love anyone has ever known. I'm so grateful life led me to you.

In the beginning of our marriage, we had no idea what the years would bring or how clearly we would see God's grace in the love He'd given to us. Our heavenly Father's been with us every step of the way ... nurturing, growing and strengthening this incredible gift of lifetime love between us. Our two hearts were committed to each other for the long haul, through the ups and downs, no matter what, that's the kind of love that lasts.

I never thought I'd find a man with so much strength and feelings, a man with such integrity and goodness The more I know, the deeper I appreciate and love you as I'd cherish and enjoy a rare and priceless work of art.

I realize you may not be as perfect as I see you, yet in my eyes and in my heart, there is no one else on earth more genuine and precious than my one and only love and there is no treasure anywhere to equal to your worth. With you, I found the perfect partner, my best friend, and the sweetest love I have ever known. I am so grateful life led me to you.

TRIBUTE FROM WIFE



You thought of me as a Proverbs 31 woman. In one of your most recent cards to me you reminded me that the heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not harm, all the days of her life. Proverbs 31:11-12

Though my heart is heavy, I am consoled by the fact that you are in a better place, the many precious memories of you will remain in my heart forever.

A kind hearted man and a man of great wisdom. You counseled me about life when we had morning pillow talks which I will miss. You were a man of excellence in every way possible and I will always be proud to have had you as my husband.

You loved me whole heartily and constantly reminded me of how appreciative you were that I was your wife.

You had passionate love for your family. But as much as you were loving and caring, you were also a very strict disciplinarian. You gave your entire life for us, we will forever hold you dear in our hearts.

I am consoled knowing that you were a true gentleman, a prayerful man, a very good husband, an excellent father, a God - fearing man that lived a fulfilled life.

Today I say good bye to my best friend, my husband and my lover. I will forever be your "Nita"!

I love you my One & Only

TRIBUTE FROM SONS

Dear Daddy,

Your footsteps were the ones we followed the moment we took our first steps. It didn't take long for us to start running, lifting, pushing and jumping just as you did and as well as you could. Believe us, those genetics have been a blessing without a doubt. But the most valuable traits you passed on to us were the ones accessible to anyone who watched you. We were fortunate enough to watch you nearly every single day of our young lives.

The way you served God, your wife, family, country, friends and coworkers was nothing short of exceptional. More so, it is just the standard that we have been tasked to meet every single day for the rest of our lives. Your stern lectures and lessons about life, at times, fell clumsily upon our adolescent ears but they always stuck. We will always remember to heed your wise words and ways.

We will be forever grateful for the respect you demanded from us, for in every house or dominion there must be order for anything to stand. Our future families shall reap the rewards of this discipline. You showed us that having a committed work ethic was something you had to work hard at every single day.

You taught us that in life there will definitely be many obstacles. Some so high and so deep that we even begin to fear them and question our ability to overcome them. But you showed us that we could take heart and be courageous in facing these obstacles and barriers. These brick walls. Because our God has already overcome them all. In fact, these walls are there to prove to us just how bad we really want something. So, you taught us to never quit or give up. To be fearless in the presence of what seems impossible. Because all things are possible with God.

You showed us that a man who finds a wife finds a very good thing. But you must serve her first before anyone else in life. You must serve her with love, respect, faithfulness and gentleness, just to name a few. Treat her like the queen and crowned jewel that she is, and life will be good.

Most importantly, we thank you for the love you gave us and the love you taught us. In our eyes it was this very characteristic that made you into the kind of cherished man that even strangers knew you to be. People could always expect to feel welcomed and loved by you. We sure did.

It will be an honour and a privilege for us to carry on the Teye-Botchway name with great esteem and humility. Above all, we seek to serve the Name that is above all other names, Jesus Christ, as faithfully as you did. You will always be in our hearts.

God willing, we hope to see you again soon.

Enjoy the Kingdom Daddy!



TRIBUTE FROM MOTHER

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:7-8

Lord I thank you for giving me Leonard as a son. He has really been a wonderful gift in my life.

I thank you for your divine help which has enabled him to grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man.

Leonard had a nice way of saying 'NO' without hurting the other person. He was a peaceful person. He had the gift of a calm, beautiful nature, always prepared to let go of any situation that will bring chaos. He was loving, kind, generous and ready to help in any situation that he could. He was very responsible, always seeking the welfare of the family, both close and extended.

Leonard would rather not bother anyone with his own problems. To this end, he made sure I was not aware that he was unwell. He did not want me to worry.

He called me often to speak to me to enquire about my welfare and that of the entire family. He responsibly provided our needs as usual and continued to do everything as usual and continued to do everything like always till the last moment when he could do no more.

Leonard, my heart bleeds when I think of your passing on that fateful Tuesday morning. The word of God teaches us to give thanks in all things.

We therefore give thanks to God for your life on earth and the impact you made on the lives of others. Nartei, rest in peace in the bosom of the Lord till we meet again.

Rest in Perfect Peace. Yaaw) Dzogbann

AMEN.



EULOGY BY FAMILY



Inspiring, Encouraging, Christian, Philanthropist. Kind, caring considerate, thoughtful, selfless, loving, hardworking. These are but a few of the words that have been used to describe Leonard Teye-Botchway, who is the reason why we are all here.

On Sunday 25th of August 2019, Leonard made two calls to Margaret and Bernhard informing us that he was unwell. We learned rather shockingly that our larger than life brother had been ill for a while. On Thursday 30th August he asked that his mother be informed. With the support of Dr Kwasi Hanson, Ma was informed after which Leonard spoke with her and Ma prayed with him.

In the early hours of Tuesday 3/9/19, Leonard asked to speak with Ma and Margaret. Bernhard had rushed to his side 3days earlier from the United Kingdom. God called him home on the faithful Tuesday.

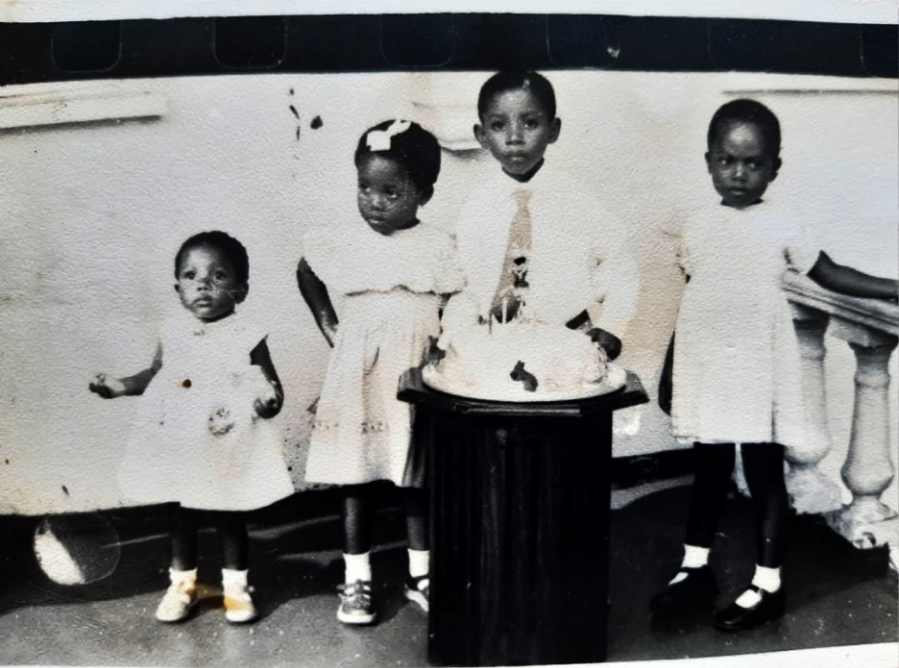
When we seemed worried after he broke the news to us, he sent Margaret a text, part of which read, “...thanks Muus. All is well because Jesus took away all my pain and sickness with Him on the cross. I am in great spirits.
Love to you all.”

Your faith was unwavering. God is Supreme you said. From then on, each passing day was made a little easier, knowing that our beloved Leonard was prepared to meet his Creator and Lord. He never wanted anyone to be anxious on his behalf.

Natus, as he was affectionately called by his siblings, left home and the shores of Ghana more than 30 years ago yet being such a caring person, he stayed close to his parents, siblings, nephews and nieces.

He was in constant touch with all of us. He was always ready to support, encourage, listen and diffuse any troubles that arose in his usual calm manner. We are surely going to feel his absence as he has truly left us to rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Leonard could resolve all issues without raising his voice. A rare gem indeed. He loved his family and he doted on his mother. He cared deeply for us his siblings. One of our cousins, Christopher Tagoe, said of him, “A first born is supposed to lead. He made us, the family and the whole of Ghana shine and he did it in such a dignified manner.



Leonard is the eldest amongst all the cousins on his maternal side and is deeply loved and respected by all. His love for all gave us strength and resolve.

All nephews and nieces regarded him as loving, kind and generous. He made sure he funded family gatherings at least once a year.

Leonard took time out of his busy schedule to meet up with family when he came to the UK. We would all go sight seeing and have lovely social time together.

The Teye-Botchways in the UK recall how they felt when they met up with Leonard and family in London for a holiday and how that will forever be entrenched in their hearts and minds. Christmases and birthdays were never forgotten.

A special card from a special brother, uncle and brother-in-law always made the day.
We do love you.

We will surely meet again when the time comes.
DAMIRIFA DUE.

REST IN THE LORD!!!



TRIBUTE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA

2 Tim 4:7 'I Have Fought The Good Fight, I Have Finished The Race, I Have Kept The Faith'.

It was barely two months ago when you facilitated and organised the first ever visit of any High-Level Ghanaian delegation to this beautiful land of Bermuda to deepen the bilateral relationship between Ghana and Bermuda.

The visit was the first of its kind by an African Ambassador or High Commissioner accredited to the Court of St. James's to the oldest self-governing British overseas territory in the western North Atlantic Ocean.

Was the visit divinely orchestrated to officially open the doors for the Governments of Ghana and Bermuda and close your chapter here on earth since you were in transition to the next world? Was it planned before the foundation of this world to finally lead the Ghana Government officials to engage the Governor, the Premier, the Speaker of Parliament, the House of Parliament, Ministers of State, the Diplomatic Corps, Diaspora Community, Potential Investors, Chief Executive Officers, etc.?

The Republic of Ghana has lost one of its most influential, dedicated, humble, hardworking, affable, and indefatigable proud sons of the Black Star of Africa. A man we all admired and loved to share time with on this Earth. He no longer belongs to us - he now belongs to the most high God!!!!

When Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway was commissioned as the Consul-General of Ghana to Bermuda in September 2012, he made Ghana proud by becoming the first-ever Consulate of an African nation on this Island.

I believe I speak for all of Ghana when I say that, we had no doubt in our minds that Dr. Teye-Botchway would distinguish himself to the admiration of all.

Over these fruitful years, Leonard has facilitated an educational exchange programme between the Bermuda College and Ashesi University, one of the most technologically advanced institutions in Ghana.

In addition, Bermudian charities, missions and churches have been supporting orphanages and religious institutions in Ghana through his collaborative role as the Honorary Consul-General.

Dr. Teye-Botchway has promoted Ghana as an investment and tourist destination of choice to Bermudians and in Bermuda, the Honorary Consul-General embodied the soul and spirit of Ghana. His enviable career as an eye surgeon for 30 years and the provision of medical care and succour as well as the knowledge he has imparted will live in our hearts for many years to come.

He did not hide his light under a bushel nor did he conceal his talents or abilities.

Doctor fulfilled the words of Mathew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven".

His additional numerous credentials of training and collaborating with leading Ophthalmology Centres in the USA and UK and as a qualified Fellow of the Colleges of Surgeons of Glasgow, West Africa and Ghana speak for themselves.

For now, let us pause and give thanks for the fact that Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway lived as a selfless man who gave his all and toiled to build the foundation for what we believe will lead to an excellent relationship between Ghana and Bermuda. Leonard served humanity with all his strength and might.

Our befitting memorial is to ensure that Ghana and Bermuda deepen economic and trade relations for our mutual benefit and tell the story to the next generation.

We have come this far through the dedication, commitment and hardwork of Leonard Teye-Botchway, and his legacy should live on the 'Doctors Doctor', a son, a Teacher, a Diplomat, a Father, a Husband, a Brother, a Preacher and above all, a Proud Son of Mother Ghana.

Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway, if all the seas were ink and all the trees were pens, they would not be enough for us to express our sorrow and our gratitude to you for your contribution to your dear nation, Ghana.

On behalf of His Excellency The President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, the Government and People of Ghana, the Ghana High Commission in the UK & Republic of Ireland we say, Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway, Damirifa Due!!!!

May God Keep You Till We Meet Again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



TRIBUTE FROM DR KERN REID

Honestly, I have never met anyone who had so many components to his full name. Nartei (my favorite name of his) was different things to different people; whether doctor, ambassador, benefactor, athlete, father, husband, son, brother, uncle, cousin or friend.

There are some in this world who are able to change their colors, like a chameleon, to blend in or to adjust to a particular situation, but my brother-in-law, my brother-in-Christ, never changed who he was. He was genuine, the man whom God created him to be, that same man whom Jesus Christ redeemed him to become, and that very same man whom the Holy Spirit inspired and empowered him to be.

Clearly, so many of us were privileged to know some facet of his personality and character. I was not in his most intimate circle, the circle known only by Ronita, his wife, his three sons, Adlai, Addon and Addi, and the family into which he was born. I was, however, fortunate to be a part of that next circle along with my wife, Arleen and other relatives and got to enjoy many different aspects of who he was.

I will mention just a few of them:

His decency: By this I mean that he was gracious, generously unselfish and even noble. Nartei was a gentleman; a gentle man. His patience: I've watched how he modeled this in fathering his sons and used it in his interactions with others. It was quite remarkable.

His courage: One needs courage to build from the ground up an important and successful medical service to care for a community.

More importantly, and having the perspective of a fellow physician, medical knowledge and clinical skills aren't the only tools needed in helping to heal people or to restore their function. Compassion is required. It takes courage to be compassionate because you have to be willing to become vulnerable. His athleticism: He had an endless obsession with physical fitness. Those intense (intimidating) workouts, in part, found a "gentler" expression in the well-known Annual 5K Runs sponsored by The Eye Institute.

His faith in God: The other components of his life were interesting, but this aspect defined who he wants at the core: a godly man who knew and lived for the Lord. This was the secret to his success. This was the essence of who he was among us as a son of God. This explains why he was excellent in what he put his hands to do. This was my favorite experience of him; those times when we would share what the Lord had been revealing and doing in our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

We are left with and will cherish this impactful memory of Nartei, which will have an ongoing effect on our lives. He has transitioned from time to eternity. His body remains here, but his spirit and soul are now in the presence of God. This is not a sentimental statement, but a declaration of truth, and because it is true, those of us who have a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ are comforted in knowing that we will see him again.

I praise God for the life that He lived through Nartei whether as ambassador, benefactor, doctor, athlete, family man or friend.

How we all have been enriched by it.

I do miss him.

Kern



TRIBUTE FROM THE PREMIER OF BERMUDA



Dr Teye-Botchway was a well-respected eye surgeon and served his homeland Ghana very well as honorary consul.

Only recently I had the pleasure of hosting him and the Ghanaian High Commissioner to London for talks during the High Commissioner's visit to Bermuda. His untimely passing comes as a tremendous shock.

He will be remembered not only as a talented ophthalmologist and keen runner, but also for his kindness, compassion, gentleness and humble generosity. He will be a great loss to our community.

On behalf of the Government and people of Bermuda I wish to express sincere condolences to his wife, three sons, entire family, colleagues, patients and friends, as they mourn the loss of this honourable gentleman.

**TRIBUTE FROM
BISHOP VERNON G. LAMBE SR., D., D., M.B.E., JP
GENERAL OVERSEER OF THE CHURCH OF GOD MOVEMENT BERMUDA**



“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”
Psalm 115:16

I consider it an honor and a privilege to submit this tribute in memory of my dear friend, physician and loyal parishioner; the Honorable Leonard Teye-Botchway. He was a man who walked with distinction as a Physician, Entrepreneur, and Statesman as the Consul-General of Ghana to Bermuda.

What a devoted family man! His wife Ronita and his sons Adlai, Addon and Addi will attest to this fact. Ever smiling, he possessed a unique ability to put others at ease. He did so professionally and personally.

He was a praying man! We joined many times in intercession for his requests on behalf of others. He would go further by taking the time to send cards and letters to uplift and to encourage.

He was a giver! He provided for numerous individuals and families in their times of need. A man who died as he lived, holding fast to his profession of faith in God, and did so with enduring resolve to the end. He made the world better than he found it; work and witness through preaching and prophecy completed. He departed and his works do testify of him. He lived as a saint and died as a saint.

Sleep on Servant of God! We'll see you in the morning.

TRIBUTE FROM STEAVENS

I met Leonard 26 years ago when he came to Bermuda to marry his beautiful bride Ronita.

I can still remember how nervous and quite anxious I was to finally meet the man who had captured my best friend's heart.

Leonard and Ronita were awaiting my arrival at the airport. Ronita and I hugged and she then introduced me to Leonard. He was holding a brown leather organizer in one hand, as he smiled and we exchanged our greetings. I instantly felt his warm, kind, and gentle spirit. I knew I had just met a man who was very special. I immediately knew without a shadow of a doubt that Leonard was a man of God, who was uniquely created for greatness.

I was blessed to witness and take part in their wedding ceremony which was truly ordained by God. Three children and twenty six years later, I have experienced some of the best moments of my lifetime with Leonard and Ronita, and their family. Leonard was always thoughtful of others, and often went out of his way to help people. One example of when I personally experienced his thoughtfulness was while visiting Ghana with him, Ronita, and the children.

Somehow Leonard was able to coordinate a big party which he told me was a celebration for his father's birthday. He openly planned this celebration, and when the day arrived, Leonard, Ronita, and his father and everyone, all turned to me and surprised me with a birthday celebration. Needless to say, I was stunned, and speechless. It still remains as the best surprise and one of the most wonderful memories I've ever experienced.

Whenever Leonard, Ronita and the children would visit me and my sons (his Godsons) in Georgia, they would love to go shopping to look for the latest items in technology. They were known to shop all the "tech" stores and bring home various high tech cameras and robots. Then they would figure out how to put them together watch them operate. It proved to be an enjoyable challenging time for everyone.

Leonard was an excellent listener, he was always kind, compassionate and forever encouraging. Whenever we would have conversations and if I even mentioned a desire about obtaining more education, he would quickly state, "you will do it!" His look, his reassurance, was as if he could already see what I desired, but he saw it completed.

Leonard operated on a very high functioning level. Whenever we were in his presence, without him knowing it, he made you feel that you could achieve more.

With all of his accomplishments, his accolades, and his success, Leonard remained a kind, gentle, reserved, and very humble soul. While visiting us last year in Georgia, we had a chance to surprise him for his birthday, our small way of letting him know how much we loved, appreciated, and respected him. We thank God for those memories.

We thank God for having Leonard in our lives. He was truly a remarkable man. The entire Steavens Family will miss him. We send our sincere heartfelt condolences to Ronita, Adlai, Addon, Adee and the entire Teye-Botchway family.

Sincerely,
Wanda Steavens
JaDon Steavens
LaQuan Steavens

TRIBUTE FROM QUINTON SHERLOCK

“Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far.” African Proverb

Dr. Teye-Botchway, it brings tears to my eyes writing these words, as with your passing, I too have lost a father (in the African sense). There were few as excited as you when I first returned home to study at the University of Ghana in Accra. There have been few who have shown so much moral, intellectual, physical and spiritual guidance in all I’ve undertaken in Ghana.

Our journey began when the boys were young and members of Bermuda Junior Golf Association. I was doing what I loved, using sport to facilitate the personal development of young people. Little did I know, I was being watched. Little did I know I was being assessed. Little did I know, a way was being laid for me. Your parting words that first time I set off for studies, “Quinton, you will thrive in Ghana!” will remain with me forever.

As I was anticipating visiting Bermuda in October, I was looking forward to seeing you and giving you the latest update on the works of Ace It Foundation. I was excited to share that we had successfully completed our first year of our high school home school program. I was excited to share that the annual Bermuda Link-Up youth football tournament was again a positive experience for the community, five years and counting.

I was excited to share that the junior golfers in Ace It Foundation are among the best junior golfers in Ghana, that one of our participants will represent Ghana in a men’s event in Mauritius next month. I was excited to share with you that I have been licensed to run the Head of State Award (International Duke of Edinburgh Award) with Ace It Foundation participants.

As fate would have it, I received a call from my best friend and Godfather to your sons, Chaka Desilva. A call that caused pause within the essence of my being. A call where the news required a recalculation of the way forward, as a new normal is to be established.

Dr. Teye-Botchway, dad, you have laid the foundation. Back in 2011 we were meeting around establishing links between Bermuda College and entities in Ghana. This year we hosted the first international intern from Bermuda College at Gombey Retreat. The number of Bermudians visiting Ghana has skyrocketed.

You recently hosted the British High Commissioner in Bermuda, making further inroads towards opportunities we’ve discussed and envisioned for years. Your work in this worldly realm may have come to a close, but the work in strengthening ties between our two homes has only just begun. You have set the field well. Now it’s up to us, to stick to the line and length required.

In closing, I say THANK YOU and pray that my actions will tell the story of courage, strength and faith you bequeathed upon me and the works of Ace It Foundation, God willing!!!

“He who thinks he is leading and has no one following him is only taking a walk.” African Proverb

Quinton Sherlock



TRIBUTE FROM BISHOP LEROY G.W. BEAN

A TRIBUTE TO A TRUE STATESMAN

A statesman is not one that is defined by the accolades of others, neither could it be quantified by one's stellar performance, achievements, titles, or degrees that have been bestowed upon them. A true statesman is determined by their character and integrity that one displays through his daily walk through life's journey.

It was about 25 years ago that I had the privilege of meeting this true statesman. His humble, yet gentle spirit was evident once you came into his presence. His Christ-like nature exemplified the spirit of meekness. When he opened his mouth, it was a soft-spoken voice that was filled by the deep wells of wisdom, knowledge and understanding. His persona brought an aura that was very loving and caring. One thing that I deemed noteworthy was the interaction that he had with his wife Ronita and the boys, Addlai, Addon, and Addi. This man was none other than Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway, who I fondly refer to as Nartei.

Nartei was also a visionary and a team player who had determination to see that any vision he was involved with be fulfilled, whether it be Bermuda Eye Institute, or the annual Bermuda Eye Institute run, His wife and him played a pivotal role in starting Transfiguration Ministries in which they were also one of the founding members, for which we will always be grateful and indebted. Transfiguration Ministries commenced with the first meeting being held in their home at Harrin-Ridge. Their hospitality and kindness were expressed week after week for years as they opened their home to see the work of God being fulfilled.

In the last year, Nartei, Nana and myself were in the process of launching an initiative that created opportunities for young Bermudians to experience Ghana, in both vocational and academics, which he had a keen interest in seeing come to fruition. About a month ago, Nartei afforded part of this vision to become a reality when he, as the Honorary Consul for Ghana in Bermuda, set up a meeting with His Excellency Papa Owuse-Ankomah, Ghana's High Commissioner to the U.K. and other distinguished guests.

Today, the world has lost a true statesman, a Godly man whose fruit will remain for generations to come. Today, my friend, we salute you as a True Statesman.

Bishop Leroy G.W. Bean

"We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8



TRIBUTE FROM BIIO

I've known Dr. Teye-Botchway from when he first came to Bermuda. I find him to be a true and loyal friend. One day when I was standing to my kitchen window praying, I had a decision to make about my present job. I did not know whether to tell them if I was staying or not. I cried out "Lord you have to help me here". The phone rang and it was Dr. T asking if I can come in and help with the phones for a week. The Lord let me know to say yes.

Here I am 11 and a half years later. It has been a wonderful experience working with Dr. T. He is one of the most Christlike people that I know. Slow to anger and very forgiving. I considered him a true and loyal employer and friend. I'm disappointed that he won't be walking me up the aisle when I get married. But I know he will be smiling down from heaven.

He will be a great miss to all of us. Even though he wasn't a great dancer, I am happy to know that he's enjoying his time in heaven. My heart goes out to Ronita and the boys, his Mother my good friend, and the rest of the family. I'm sure the Lord is saying to him "well done my good and faithful servant".

WITH ALL MY LOVE, LEONIE

Dr. Teye-Botchway was an amazing person. He was kind, gentle, and had a huge heart. He was a very busy man, but with all that he had going on he would always take the time to say hello and ask how you were doing. He would always greet you with a smile, a smile you could never forget.

You never knew when and if he was having a bad day because he was such a happy and humble person. There are so many memories and things that LTB has told me that I will never forget. He would always push me to do more and tell me how he saw so much potential in me. I will forever cherish every minute I had with him and I will truly miss him.

SHELBY CAMARA

It was September 29, 2009. I had just turned 19 and had recently finished up a Summer job. I was looking to gain work experience in a Doctors office. I looked up Bermuda Eye Institute in the phone book and sent Dr. Teye-Botchway an email asking if he had any opportunities available at the moment for me to help with filing or answering the phones.....the rest was history! From a 19 year old who then decided to go to University and then gave up...you saw the potential in me to bring me back again...years later when I failed my 2nd Technician exam....you saw potential in me and told me to get back up and try again...the letters now behind my name is because of you. You believed in me always. God makes no mistakes and I know I was meant to grow in this field and have you as a boss.

Mrs. Teye-Botchway often joked with me and called you my "other Dad". I truly felt like you were. He gave me the nickname "Small Girl". LTB was such an amazing man. A gentle giant with huge intellect. I truly admired him and often told him that. It was an honour to have known him.

Working alongside him for the last 10 years and his constant support in helping me reach the next step in my career, is something I will forever cherish. I will miss his presence in the office and BIIO will never be the same without him. I would have never dreamed that when I saw you on August 11th that it would be the last time. You hugged me super tight and told me to enjoy my vacation. The day you passed I broke down in a way I have never done. It will forever be one of the hardest days of my life.

Mrs. Teye-Botchway, Adlai, Addon, & Addi how blessed you are to have had him as a Husband/Father. My deepest condolences to you all with love.

This is a huge loss and I am absolutely heartbroken.

Thank you for everything LTB.

SMALL GIRL AKA SHERELLE CAMPBELL

TRIBUTE FROM BIIO

Dr. Teye-Botchway taught me so much about how to be selfless, caring and compassionate just by the way he carried himself. Whenever he would walk into the room, he would greet me with a huge smile that made me feel like I could do anything. Every word was filtered through his kind heart and every conversation was meaningful.

I can recall when my grandfather was undergoing treatment and he would ask how he was doing. That was Dr. Teye-Botchway - extremely caring and always putting others before himself. Working for Dr. Teye-Botchway has truly been a joy and a privilege. His heart was one of the most genuine I've ever seen and I will truly miss him.

JOHNAE TUCKER

Dr. Teye-Botchway seemed too good to be true. kind, considerate, compassionate, patient, respected by all...just a true gentleman and scholar. He was a brand all to himself. A world-renowned Ophthalmologist.

My first meeting with Dr. Teye-Botchway was in February of this year. He interviewed me for his operations manager at Bermuda International Institute of Ophthalmology. It was the most amazing interview that I had ever experienced. At the onset of the interview he introduced himself and boldly stated that he was a believer in Jesus Christ and proceeded to introduce his spiritual advisor who would be interviewing me as well.

I knew from that moment that this journey would be liken to none other than I had ever experienced in my professional life. The belief and trust he had in me was unbelievable. I remember on one occasion, he had to be off Island and, in his absence, he wanted me to meet with the Ophthalmologist-In-Chief and 2 other Ophthalmologists and some staff from a well know hospital in Canada, to discuss potential opportunities.

I reminded him that my background was not ophthalmology or even healthcare. Nevertheless, he briefed me, shared his vision and declared that I could speak his heart. "WOW" as he would say, in his very soft-spoken voice.

He will be truly missed. I had only known him for a short period of time but with all my heart, I know our meeting was meant to be, for such a time as this. He was my AMAZING boss, a true blessing and my Brother-in-Christ. We shall meet again.

CAROL ROSS DESILVA

I first had the honor of meeting Dr. Teye-Botchway, or commonly known in our office as "LTB", in 2002. My family was returning to Bermuda during that time and I responded to his opening for an ophthalmic technician. It just so happened, that is what I was. Who knew this day of browsing the Royal Gazette would change my life.

Bermuda Eye Institute (at the time) only consisted of a small side office, downstairs of the Arches. It is hard to believe this now as the office has gone through so many positive changes over the years. Dr. Teye-Botchway expanded the practice with only one purpose in mind, his patient's needs. He cared so much about the elderly.

Often, we would find him not charging most for his care. He was such a generous soul. He tried to keep this from management and all we could do was smile. After all, who was going to question Dr. Teye-Botchway.

He was able to bring in sub-specialists from overseas to provide better care, for those who found it hard traveling overseas. He never stopped sharing his ideas of expansion and there were so many more to come.

Dr. Teye-Botchway pushed all of his staff to further their education. Any courses that would benefit his employees, he would provide. I often found myself not only wanting to better my skills but more so, wanting to do it to make him proud. When any of us obtained another certification, he would arrange immediately a "fine" dinner celebration.

TRIBUTE FROM BIIO

As he praised our accomplishments, he secretly would obtain many degrees though out the years keeping it mostly to himself. His smile in the office let us know just how pleased he was with all of us. We were proud of him as well.

There are so many grand memories of our leader, at what is now called Bermuda International Institute of Ophthalmology. So many to note. I will miss him every day. My heart was broken on Sept 3rd, 2019. We will all continue to make you proud LTB. Lost in our vision, but not in our hearts.

DAWN BURGESS

I was a near stranger when we first met - we had only met on Skype - but I immediately liked him. Dr Teye-Botchway waited for my delayed flight and bought me milk, bread and tea, personally. He was kind me - even though we had never met. He considered his decisions carefully about both people and his surgical moves. He was never rash.

He knew things about me that he could have misused. But he didn't - he knew what was right and what was kind, even when others might have led him. He was passionate about Ghana - I remember asking him about athletics and he found a video of Ghanaian sprinters in the Olympics on his phone which he proudly showed me.

I trusted him. And I was right to trust him. Because he was a fair employer who valued his employees and colleagues. We shared a passion for ophthalmology and we would discuss patients and techniques and the practicalities of delivering them long after we should have gone home. I already miss him.

DR. JAKE SMITH

His humility, generosity and kindness will always be my source of inspiration. I will miss him greatly.

KYROS MOUTSOURIS M.D.

I first met Dr. Teye-Botchway November of 2018. I was at the Arches for a pre-op appointment for cataract surgery. Dawn was taking measurements when Dr. Teye-Botchway walked into the doorway. I remember thinking was a gentle presence.

Although I've only known him for a short while, he made a tremendous impact on my life. I am going to miss him terrible and well as the rest of the community.

DEBORAH SMITH-JOELL

Dr. Teye-Botchway or "LTB" as I knew him, was a kind, generous and supportive mentor to me over the last three years. Never a critical word to say of anyone, he set an example for all of us: calm, positive and professional at all times.

He believed strongly in never denying care to anyone who crossed his path. Sometimes time would get away from him, as he truly cared about each person who walked through his door and listened to their concerns with patience and compassion. We miss you, LTB.

JENNY FARIES

A Man Of Collosal Intergrity, Honour and Respect of Unparrallel Measure has fallen.

I am deeply sorry to hear the passing of my dear brother and mentor.

He truly and selflessly brought me to my present level of professionalism in the field of eye care. He made available all the necessary tools for me to succeed in my career. And to his credit I am able to confidently rub shoulders with high level professionals in the field of eye care wherever I go. I have always been telling me family that I am indepted Dr Teye-Botchway, because what I ever gained in my association with the learned doctor has had a great positive impact on them as well.

I honestly do not think my words here would be able to appropriately express deeply how I will miss him. I am indeed devastated. and lost of words.

TRIBUTE FROM BIIO

May his achievements and legacy give you and the family comfort. I pray that the peace of the Almighty God that passes all understanding be your portion. May the good Lord grant you wisdom and strength to carry on to the desired completion of what your husband started.

STEPHEN.

I express my deep sympathy and grief in your hour of deepest sorrow. I am still in Shock and in denial. I cannot come to terms with myself that I lost Leonard, a great friend who was like my brother.

My family and children were in a state of shock. Our association with Leonard goes back to 2003. During my stay in Bermuda and visits there after, Leonard, encouraged me in all my endeavours. I always looked forward to work with Leonard. He always went that extra mile to put his friends at comfort. His impeccable manners, body language and his smile won many hearts. A pious man with heart of gold, A great physician and a great human being....I am always going to miss him.

An intelligent person will open your mind, A beautiful person will open your eyes, And a loving kind person will open your heart. Leonard was such a person..“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Words can't express how he made me feel..

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

“Only the actions of the Just,

Smell sweet and blossom in the dust.”

I pray to God to give you and your family the strength and courage. May the Almighty's blessings be upon you and your family.

SINCERELY, ARSHAD



TRIBUTE FROM ABACUS

Abacus began working as the accounts team for BIIO in 2014 and over the years developed a great professional and personal relationship with Dr. Teye-Botchway. Dr. Teye-Botchway was a man of great passion in a variety of areas. He was passionate about ophthalmology, always looking for ways to improve the standard of patient care and staying on the forefront of new procedures and knowledge.

He was passionate about his work team and brought integrity and compassion with him to every discussion related to the direction of BIIO. He was passionate about fitness and wellness, very interested in the wellness of others and hosting an annual charity run the Eye Institute Classic. He was passionate about his countries and communities and continually sought ways to contribute and give back. However, his greatest passion was for his family and his respect and love for Mrs. Teye-Botchway and his care for his sons was evident in every conversation.

Dr. Teye-Botchway was a man of great kindness, however, that kindness could never be mistaken for weakness. He was a gentle and quiet force that impacted everyone he came in contact with, leaving each of us better for having known him. His legacy is large and each of us at Abacus will look to honor that legacy by striving to be a little bit more like Dr. Teye-Botchway.

We are deeply saddened by this loss and know that the world has lost a truly great human being. We offer our sincerest condolences to his family.

The Abacus Team



TRIBUTE GHANAIAANS AND AFRICANS IN BERMUDA

Tribute to “our father”, Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway from the Ghanaian Community in Bermuda.

Our elders say “Onyimpa by bi, W’an by ni nyinaa” Meaning, in our frailty, each human has been assigned to do something, but he cannot do it all. You, however, Doctor Teye-Botchway, have managed to do it all.

For most of us from the African continent, Bermuda is about as far as our imaginations can allow, and when we found ourselves here, it was the relief of our lives to have you there, welcoming us to home away from home. Dr Teye-Botchway was the de-facto founder and keeper of not only Ghanaian, but African unity in Bermuda long before he was given the official title of Ghana’s honorary consul. He offered counsel, wisdom, patience and reassurance as we navigated immigration, healthcare and personal crises.

In 2011, When He was appointed to the role of Honorary Consul, we rejoiced wholeheartedly, congratulating our father as the first African Honorary Consul in Bermuda. That honor affirmed what we already knew to be true. That Dr. Teye-Botchway was a visionary, a humanitarian and a statesman par excellence. Dr. Teye-Botchway put Ghana on the map of many well-travelled Bermudians by offering visa and consular services and by promoting Ghana’s rich cultural heritage from his front street offices.

Every March, Dr. Teye-Botchway would invite us all, along with several well-wishers to his house where he’d host a sumptuous party in honour of Ghana’s Independence Day. It is imperative to mention that he did all his consular work, and the parties at his own cost, or as he was always quick to remind us it was money “out of Ronita’s shopping money”. We do want to pause here and acknowledge our mother, Ronita as well.

We thank her for her support of not only Dr. Teye-Botchway, but also for the loving and gracious ways in which she took us in, paying kind attention and indulging our incredibly long-winded Ghanaian goodbyes. We will be remiss to not thank his sons, Addon, Addi and Adlai as well for their forbearance toward us and their support.

Dr. Teye-Botchway was a man who cared for more than just us. He was always there for the entire African community. When disaster struck our brother from Kenya, it was the good doctor who spearheaded our consolation efforts, rallying all of us and the Bermudian community. There are so many moments and memories that we could not possibly list them all here.

There will never be another you, Doctor. Words cannot express our profound sense of loss. We thank you for what you did for us, we honour you, and we bid you farewell till we meet again. Typically, we should say Damirifa Due! But for so rich a life and so great a service, we say “mbo na adwuma”. Congratulations on a job well done.

“Papa, Nante yie”. “Nyamene wo n’ko”.

GHANAIAAN COMMUNITY IN BERMUDA



TRIBUTE

It was an honor to have Leonard as part of our family. He was an honorable man's man, who treasured our first cousin Ronita and their sons. Leonard indeed left a void in this world.

He will truly be missed!

Condolences to Ronita, Adlai, Addo & Addon. Stay strong family! Leonard will always be with us!

VERNON & SHIRLEY

DORSEY & FAMILY

CALIFORNIA

A couple years ago Leonard asked me to help him with an accounting assignment. I admired the fact that despite all his professional accomplishments and busy practice that he was still interested in expanding his knowledge.

At the end of the assignment Leonard told me how he had a new-found respect for the accounting profession and I thought he did a pretty good job on his accounting project!

Much respect! As a physician Leonard always took good care of my parents when they came to him for care.

He was very compassionate and understanding with his patients. We will miss him.

Rest in peace Leonard.

DELIA, TARIQ & TERRELL

DELIA J. BASDEN



TRIBUTE

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA MEDICAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 1980



DOCTOR'S NICKNAME IN SCHOOL WAS "DALLAS".

Dr. LSPN Teye-Botchway was part of the group of seventy (70) freshmen and women who entered the University of Ghana Medical School in September 1974 to train as doctors. Ours was the 11th batch of students to the only Medical School in Ghana at that time - now there are five Medical Schools.

We graduated together as the "Class of 1980" and with his sudden death we have lost a great and gentle friend and colleague. We fondly called him "Dallas" or Rev T. Dallas, a nickname from his secondary school days. These last few days have been very hard for the "Class of 1980", after learning of the passing of this exceptional, extraordinary, outstanding, hardworking, good natured, and fun-loving gentleman we all lived, learned, and worked with.

Dallas was not just tall, handsome, always elegantly dressed and usually sporting an Afro hairstyle with moustache and "side burns" to match, but had a genuine beaming smile that brightened everyone's day. He was

remarkably soft spoken, generous, friendly, and very polite. He had a warm and genial personality. His genial personality and quality of being attentive in conversations made everyone feel important in his presence. He spoke in measured and respectful tones, communicating his thoughts clearly and concisely.

While some of us quickly ditched our sporting activities upon entering medical school, (to cope with an intimidating academic workload), "Dallas" managed to continue his sporting activities and was a great athlete who ran the middle distances for the University of Ghana and the Ghana National Athletics Teams. He also played Hockey for the Medical School and the University of Ghana and featured in our class soccer team. We, his Classmates took great pride in his exploits and achievements as an accomplished athlete. He never got angry on the field, nor in life off the field, always demonstrating a gracious trait of encouragement and support of those less gifted than himself.

However, he was also an excellent student and sailed through the Medical School successfully and graduated in 1980 without any hitches.

He was a valued member of our UGMS Class of 1980 group, always up to date with his alumni financial obligations and earlier this year made a substantial donation to the Class welfare fund to support distressed or incapacitated colleagues.

Distance has kept us apart physically but the new internet tools brought us together in recent years. Some of us met with him at a conference of the Ghana Physicians and Surgeons of North America in Atlanta 4 years ago and marveled at how well kept and athletic he looked so many years after Medical School.

We were enthused when Dr Teye-Botchway was appointed the Honorary Consul-General of Ghana to Bermuda and several of us had asked on our WhatsApp platform for him to receive us for a visit to Bermuda, which he warmly agreed to with characteristic generosity. His amazing achievements did not change him -being kind, thoughtful and considerate of others was second nature to him. The news of his demise therefore came as a great shock. We have lost a great friend and an icon who served his profession and nation well.

Dallas, your sudden death saddens us. You meant a lot to us, and we who are left, are grateful for sharing your life with us. We, the classmates of UGMS 1980, wish to express our sincere and deepest condolences to your dear wife, children and the entire family. We pray that the Almighty God protect and grant you the fortitude to bear this colossal loss.

Fare well dear friend. We wish you blessed rest in the good Lord's bosom till we meet again. Rest in Peace Dr Leonard Teye-Botchway. Da Yie "Dallas"

REMEMBERING A CLASS MATE, DR. LEONARD SWANE PICKARD NARTEI TEYE-BOTCHWAY by Mfantsipim Class of 1972 (MOBA-72)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12: 30-32

The above scripture passage amply sheds light on life of the dear brother, friend and Classmate we are celebrating today despite the tears in our eyes.



On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, the news of the passing of our dear Teye-Botchway on rocked our the class with great shock just as we were winding our day with some routine banter, jokes, taunts and messages on our Class Platform. The name Leonard Swane Pickard Nartei TEYE-BOTCHWAY, another true brother of Moba 72 Ebusua, Created only by God. The news pierces our hearts like a sharp knife. The pain is too much for us to take. The loss of a classmate hits home very hard. Not true, not real, paling into tearful tributes and recollection of our days in class, dormitories and the playing fields.

Our life's journey with Dallas, as we affectionately called Leonard, began in September 1967 when 105 of us entered the gates of Mfantsipim School to be molded into men for the future development of our nation and the world at large.

He was assigned to Balmer-Acquaah House (Lower Dormitory). It did not take long for him to establish a name for himself as a smart student and star athlete. He was a "sharp brain," our term for the smart students. He was a fine scholar and many a classmate and others consulted him for support in their learning. On the athletic field, he was a constant presence on the house and school athletics and hockey teams. He proved his prowess in the 440 yards and other middle-distance races, and as a powerful hockey player.

The combination of these two qualities endeared him to both students and staff. He was a gentleman, always well-dressed, humble, and quiet. He hardly got into trouble. Many were surprised that he never let his successes put him in dreamland to act like a wayward celebrity. His humility and soft-spoken character never wavered. His nickname *Rev. T Dallas* was one of respect and honour rather than a taunt for misbehaviour and indiscipline.





With a successful entry into Sixth Form in October 1972, his leadership qualities combined with his all-round academic, athletic and social traits led him being elected House Prefect in the Balmer-Acquaah House (Lower Dormitory) in the 1973/74 academic year when we were in Upper Six. This was in the era of informal assessment of potential prefects by the housemasters. They polled a sample of the student body on the suitability of candidates for leadership positions. He was the hands-down choice.

He was a member of the MOBA72 squad that broke the record for the highest number of admissions to the University of Ghana Medical School, a record that stood for many years. He went on to specialise as a Consultant Ophthalmic Physician and Surgeon. It was not a surprise when he set out to move to Bermuda as a pioneer in the field of Ophthalmology. Leonard never failed to demonstrate his prowess with professional excellence to the point of taking the Bermuda

International Institute of Ophthalmology to its present world class status.

Leonard, as your Classmate, we are also proud that you were the consummate professional and we were always impressed whenever we read about your acts of compassion and giving back to Society whenever the opportunity presented itself. One story that touched the heart of Class Members was the story about how you led a mission-critical effort to restore the sight of some belugas in the Bermuda Zoo when all hope appeared to have been lost. Dallas, you rose to the occasion one more time. Thank you!!

Kwabotwe, as we call our school, superbly influenced us in many ways allowing us to develop lasting friendships that has endured among us till today. Fifty-Two years later, we still maintain contact among ourselves and still act like boys when we are together. Oh Death, your action is unacceptable, but you are defeated because our Brother, as a very active member of the Scripture Union, so loved the Lord right from our school days. We are confident that God is waiting to receive him into His Bosom and heavenly vineyard.

We are so proud and elated that Leonard's character found fame in the international circuit when the Government of Ghana appointed him the Honorary Consul of Ghana to Bermuda. In this role, we saw and heard your wide acceptance in the national circles of Bermuda as you fully represented your motherland, Ghana, in your adopted country of residence.

Today, all we can do is express our most sincere gratitude to the Most High God for the significant impact Leonard Teye-



Botchway (alias *Dallas*) made on our lives as the Boys of MOBA72. We also take this opportunity to commiserate with the Spouse, Children and his siblings and family on this great loss. We stand together with them to celebrate this great brother who loomed large in our respective lives.

Leonard, you have lived a worthwhile life here with us. We thank God for your impactful life. Today, we also celebrate you even as we mourn your departure. We know that you have been well received by the Good Lord into His Bosom. We shall forever hold and cherish the memories of your presence.

Our Class has lost a dedicated member, a pillar of strength, a calming voice that rose to the occasion in our activities.

Leonard, your humility, fortitude and forthrightness has indeed encouraged us to be strong and humble so we could face the changing scenes of life.

Our thanks cannot be expressed adequately in these few words, but we know that through your earth-bound journey, you never forgot your God. You kept His banner flying in your life. God, our Father, knows best. We can only wonder at the mighty test He has put us through with your departure.

With pride, we, your classmates of MOBA72, will continue to trumpet and celebrate your great love for us. A life so active, a mind so sharp, a friend & brother so dear!!



Words cannot fully express everything that we would like to say. We feel pain, anguish and emotional distress, yet are we consoled by these words from our School Anthem MHB 832:

*For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who Thee by faith before the world
confessed, Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their
rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

MHB 832 verses 1 & 6

Dallas, even as we pay our last respects to you today with tears in our eyes, may your Journey be straddled with smiles and bountiful love!

Rest in the Bosom of our Maker, Dr. Leonard Swane Pickard Nartei TEYE-BOTCHWAY
Rest with the Saints Triumphant till we meet again at the Resurrection.

TRIBUTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES SALTUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Every so often one has the good fortune of encountering someone whose spirit truly moves us to be a better person. If we are lucky as I was, we can spend time with that person, even becoming their friend. Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway was such a person.

Over the course of several decades, our lives intersected on a host of platforms.

He was a fellow Trustee who served in this capacity from 2009 - 2017.

Despite his many responsibilities to his patients, Leonard viewed his commitment to the school as a priority, often dashing straight from surgery to our meetings where we benefitted from his full attention and spot on insights.

Although he retired from the Board in 2017, he remained a steadfast champion of the school and was revered by his fellow Trustees, faculty, alumni and students.

Leonard was also my doctor, a member of my extended family and most cherished of all, my friend. Leonard had a gift that is becoming rarer and rarer these days... the ability to genuinely listen. He used to say that God gave us two ears and one mouth, and we should remember to use them proportionately.

By listening as he did, he made everyone who crossed his path feel valued and as such, the impact he had on those he encountered was immense.

Leonard was a gentle, kind and considerate friend; a loving and devoted family man and a brilliant and beloved doctor. Being around Leonard made you want to be a better person, his ability to give of himself seemed limitless.

Leonard enriched our community and our lives. He was class, grace and elegance personified. A real renaissance man and we will miss him terribly.

BY R. GIL TUCKER, FCPA, JP



TRIBUTE TRIBUTE FROM ALLAN & MILDRED HUNT



It has been said that, “Your greatest display of strength and character in life comes at the time when you are able to help someone else while you are going through your own storm”.

For us, this quote best sums up the life of Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway, our Friend, our Brother in Christ and a passionate Believer in the strengthening of the Family unit and Marriage.

Next to his faith in God, one thing that resonated with us for certain, Leonard’s Family meant more than anything to him and he was always ready to improve his vital roles of both Husband & Father. All Allan had to say to Leonard is, “We are planning our next Marriage event.”

He would respond by saying, “How can Ronita & I help?”

All of the events concerning Marriage and Family Life over the years, Leonard and Ronita would get involved. We could count on their attendance, even the last event in February of this year, entitled ‘Weekend to Remember’ at the Fairmont Southampton Resort. He would always encourage us and exclaim with fervour at the conclusion of the event, “Allan and Mildred, that was a wonderful event and we learned so much from it!”

Leonard was a man of quality, devoted to God, his Family, his career and to causes he deemed worthy. He was a most professional, profound man of few words, impeccable character, with a most exceptional manner whenever we were privileged to be in his presence, be it at his home, at church, in his office, or at the hospital.

We will always remember our soft spoken Friend who was a giant of a man, whose smile brought light into any room.

His profound willingness to help, his ever encouraging words and his heart of love will always be remembered by us.

Like a comet that comes into our atmosphere, brightens and illuminates the skies for everyone to behold, then it vanishes into the greater heavens of the solar system, Leonard has greatly impacted and influenced our lives! What earth has lost, heaven has gained!

**ALLAN & MILDRED HUNT,
FOUNDERS & COORDINATORS OF “HEART-TO-HEART” MARRIAGE
MENTORING MINISTRIES**

16TH ANNUAL EYE INSTITUTE CLASSIC - ARBORETUM (2019)

We are honoured and privileged to have known Leonard; a man who had numerous admirable qualities. Descriptives for Leonard would include - Strength, Integrity, Empathy, Morality, Unpretentious and Spiritual. Leonard was an individual who, when our paths first crossed, we instantly knew he was a man of valor and destined for greatness.

We were initially connected through our children. Our Son, Ryan, and his son, Addon, were in the same class at Saltus Grammar School. Our relationship strengthened further when our children's extra-curricular activities merged, as they had the same interests: and over time, we felt as if we were a part of their family and the children referred to us as Aunt and Uncle. We discussed religion, issues and dynamics within our community and there were lots of mutual social occasions whether he was hosting at his home, attending a social event or dining out.

Roger became Addon's and Addi's Football Coach and Melody became the Team's Manager while at North Village and later at Young Men's Social Club. When we organized the very first overseas training opportunity for the Youth football team, of the Young Men's Social Club Redevelopment Program, Leonard and Ronita very graciously offered to sponsor the transportation for the entire trip. This generosity also carried over for the 4 years that we had additional trips for the teams. When we had fundraising activities e.g. Thanksgiving Dinner for the 'Set the Target, Meet the Goal' Football Program with Young Men's Social Club Leonard, his wife and extended family offered their support by providing food items for the Fundraiser.

Leonard will forever be remembered for his soft-spoken spirit, ability to remain calm in the midst of turmoil; willingness to share knowledge, expertise and experience; and his genuine and humble service to others. He was always supporting a worthy cause whether it be to help charities, other entities and individuals requiring assistance in varying domains both locally and overseas.

We recognize and honour the characteristics that Leonard exhibited including the promotion of honesty and fairness. Leonard was a pillar of strength for his family. A devoted family man believing in continuing education and striving for high standards. He was a prominent figure in their lives giving advice, guidance, tangible and intangible support that would facilitate their successes.

More recently Leonard supported the goals of the Skills Development Program, which Roger coordinates, and he ultimately became a sponsor for such. Leonard was one of the honourees at a Reception at Government House this year and later received an award presented by representatives of Bournemouth for his part in sponsoring the program. We wish to extend a heartfelt note of thanks on behalf of the entire Skills Development Programme participants, the Garden Club of Bermuda, the Department of Parks, volunteers, trainers, and others who are affiliated with this program.

We enjoyed providing support for the Charity Walk/Run Race which he hosted annually. This race was initially held in St. George's and more recently was relocated to the Arboretum. Over the years we have had several groups assist with the marshalling, set-up/break-down and other facets of the race ranging from persons affiliated with the Cathedral Sunday School, Skills Development Participants and friends and family. In fact, one year Melody was the Race Director.



THE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – COHORT 5 (2019)



It was no surprise when we learned that Leonard was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Ghana in Bermuda. He was the perfect match for this role. Distinguished, stately, knowledgeable, personable, possessed an inherent love for his land and his people and a willingness to assist and guide others.

Leonard was also Melody's doctor with reference to her eyes. Whenever she or Ryan had an issue with their eyes, he was always willing to give advice even outside of his working hours. Upon visiting his working environment, it was easy to discern that he was highly skilled, well-liked and respected by his staff and colleagues alike. He took a special interest in their development, and well-being. I am sure that his presence will be sorely missed by his work family at the Bermuda International Institute of Ophthalmology.

For those who know us, are aware that we are lovers of dogs and periodically breed German Shepherds. Leonard subsequently decided that he wanted a puppy from one of our litters. We smiled as we watched his interaction with the dog. Before he received the dog, Leonard appeared to be a bit apprehensive with the handling of dogs.

However, once the puppy arrived on the scene he made a connection, to the effect that he ended up getting a second dog. Ronita used to tease him at feeding time and tell him that he needed to go feed his children. We recall the announcement that the dogs would not be allowed inside the house; however, imagine our surprise when upon visits the dogs were comfortable lounging inside.

We had a good chuckle at the excessive amount of doggie snacks that he purchased and feed them. This is indicative of the love that he had for others - not only people but animals as well.

Leonard, you will forever hold a place dear in our hearts. Rest in peace in the Lord's arms.

Revelation 14:13....And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."



(Lovingly Submitted by Roger, Melody, Ryan and Florence Parris)

FAMILY TRIBUTES

(N)icest
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Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway, a very proud Ghanaian, provided me with many professional courtesies when I sought medical advice for family members.

He was as good a husband, father, friend and mentor as he was a physician. Leonard always managed to balance both aspects of his family and professional lives. He will certainly be missed by family members, friends and healthcare colleagues from all over the world.

Respectfully submitted by Ronita's first cousin; as our mother's are sisters.

ANDREA D.E. FELDER, R.N.



Leonard was such a special person! He was so humble, kind and generous. He and his family have been our neighbours for the past 15 years and we'll always remember him riding his "bike" on his front porch for hours!

Robbie remembers the time when he thought that someone was breaking into his house and it turned out to be Leonard throwing and catching a medicine ball against the wall! Not to mention the two huge lengths of rope he would lift up and down for exercise - the man was a machine when it came to keeping fit.

Robbie says even in his gym gear he was always better dressed than him!

I looked forward to Ronita and Leonard coming over every Christmas where Leonard would just stand and stare at our white and silver decorated Christmas tree and would undoubtedly say it should be in a magazine - he always made my day!

Whenever we saw each other, at the office or at home, it was like talking to our best friend. He always took the time to listen and give advice, if necessary.

We are distraught that he will no longer be around - a HUGE miss for everyone who knew him.

Ronita is also a great friend and devoted to her family and the best neighbour!

Love and hugs to all the family.

Loved you Leonard and will miss you forever.

JENNY AND ROBBIE LIGHTBOURN

Leonard,

I just want to take the time to thank you. Thank you for being the ideal man.

For taking care of my sister Ronita; for loving her in a way every woman should be loved. For showing your sons what it means to love, care for and provide for your family.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family and embracing Tianny, Ivan and myself as your own.

Thank you for your meaningful words, advice and showing me opportunities for personal growth.

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Even though you are no longer with us in the physical sense, please know that you will always have a place in my heart as the brother I never had.

I'm sure you know already but I will remain as a support system for Ronita, Adlai, Addon, and Addi forever and always.

We all miss you so much. Til we meet again.

PENELOPE

FAMILY TRIBUTES



Ahmed-Troy Caines, Korrin Lightbourne, Iannah Caines and I were introduced to Leonard through the very close ties we shared with Ronita, who is my 1st cousin. Our tight bond allowed us to frequent their Harrington Hundreds Road residence and the current Hidden Cove Lane location.

In the early 90s, while a Bermuda Immigration Officer, I persuaded Ronita to resubmit her request to the Immigration Department, for Leonard to start his ophthalmology practice in Bermuda. I was quite pleased when permission was finally granted.

Through the years, Leonard has come to my rescue on more than one occasion. I recall the time when my son Korrin was at Warwick Academy Primary and was hit in his eye with a stick. I contacted Leonard, and he instructed me to bring Korrin to his office at the Arches immediately. Upon our arrival, he examined Korrin's eye, informed me that his cornea was scratched, did the necessary repair, and never charged me a penny. The second incident,

I was doing some landscaping around my house and ended up with something causing an irritation to one of my eyes. I went to visit Leonard and Ronita at their residence, and he was kind enough to examine my eye. He even gave me a bottle of eye wash. We are truly thankful for his kindness.

My daughter Iannah is privileged to have Leonard and Ronita as her godparents. Iannah loved having free access to their swimming pool during the summer breaks when she was learning how to swim. Leonard would sometimes come out to the pool to greet us, and through one of our conversations I learned that he didn't know how to swim.

I extended an offer to teach him as well, but he politely declined my offer. At least he posed by the pool and allowed me to take his picture. He was quite content watching us from the sidelines.

My husband Troy would often bump into Leonard in Hamilton, and Leonard would always ask him if he was still walking to keep fit, and would offer words of encouragement. He would also ask how we were doing. There are many more good memories that my husband Troy and I will cherish, as we are ever so grateful for all the time and conversations that Leonard shared with us.

We will miss those conversations, his smile each time he greeted us, and his caring nature.

Ronita and family, may God bless and comfort you as you mourn Leonard's passing.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED BY...

JENNIFER CAINES, DEVONSHIRE, BERMUDA

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SINCERELY CRAIG & ANGIE TUCKER & FAMILY.

THANK YOU, ANGELA TUCKER

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May God forgive him of his shortcomings. May He the most High protect and cover your hearts and give you solace.

Sorry for your lost. I wish you well, and all the best. Peace be unto you. Continued blessings.

NADIYAH SHAKIR

FAMILY TRIBUTES

From the day that I met you I always knew you was very special.

I have never met a doctor that would give ALL of him self to his patients, I witnessed in several occasions your givining spirit to those who had nothing or just maybe needed a little help.

You have been in my life since 2015, solid constant co-worker and friend. Proffessionally intelegent surgeon for restoring vision like no other, it takes a talented and commitment to have those surgeon hands you had and with many other talents that I can not even count for.

You was always the advocate for education and always ready to push anyone to do better, this was your second nature it just was expected and anyone who worked with you knows that when it came time to learn and continue education you was not joking about it it was a must for your staff you would not have it any other way.

You have touched my life tremendously, I am honored to have been a part of your life, you can not be replaced Bermuda has suffered a great loss.

I will never forget your gentle voice and cool and calm spirit, you have touched so many peoples lives and I am sure that your “Crown will have many stars” !

My heart is broken, how could someone so selfless be taken from this earth so soon.

God has reason for everything and I know that you believed in him very much, I only wish I would been able to tell you Good Bye. But I am sure that you knew that I loved, respected and honored you very much.

Your Friend and co worker from

Finland,

SONJA R. MCCOTTRY



Dear Ronita and Family,

Gail and I were very saddened to hear of Dr. Teye-Botchway's recent passing. Besides being a consummate professional as an eye surgeon, his gentle and affable manner made him loved and respected by all his patients as well as anyone who had the pleasure to know him.

I always looked forward to seeing him at my yearly eye appointment and he never failed to take the time to ask me how Gail and I were doing. He would also always ask about how my “little piano player” who I had discovered and who you and Dr. Teye-Botchway had helped support financially from the very beginning was doing.

We will certainly greatly miss him as will all his patients and anyone who had the honor to know this very special man.

Sincerely,

CARL & GAIL SHECHTMAN

FAMILY TRIBUTES

“ A GENTLE GIANT ”

G - (Compassionate GIVING Heart & Giving Hands) - We met Dr. Leonard in 1994, when we were leaving Bermuda to start our missions outreach in Nigeria, West Africa; he and Sister Ronita were faithful supporters of our family & missions projects throughout our 21+ years as Missionary Pastors.

I - Deep INSIGHT & Wisdom (A Dreamer and Visioneer) - our small business venture literally exists today because when we shared the “Vision” of it with Dr. Leonard & Sis Ronita, they both zealously encouraged us to “RUN with it!”

A - An ANOINTED man of few words, BUT Full of ‘The Word’ and Prayer. (We honestly cannot remember a non-medical conversation where Dr. Leonard spoke more than 5 to 7 sentences! He was a quiet-spoken, loving & patient listener.)

N - NO Fuss. Never a more Humbler Brother we’ve known. (Dr. Leonard LOVED his old & faithful white Toyota 8-Seater car! Especially when its leather seats were beautifully Re-Upholstered!)

T - The Lord’s TRUE General & Ambassador (NOT ashamed of The Gospel of Jesus Christ!) Everyone who knew him, had NO doubt that Dr. Leonard was a Christian.

In ALL of the offices that he served, JESUS His Lord & Savior Held 1ST Position.

We CELEBRATE our Dear Christian Brother & Friend today! His loving impact upon our lives will never be forgotten.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED BY ‘ AYO & TRACY SALAWU ’.

In 1998 I started my Orthoptic career in St. James’s Hospital, Leeds, UK. I remember the staff talking fondly of “lovely Dr. Leonard and his beautiful wife”. They would discuss his kind and caring nature, his friendly and approachable manner and his handsome, smart appearance. They told me that he left the UK to open his own practice in a beautiful place called Bermuda. We would often wonder how life would be, working for him in his office in this dreamy tropical island.

FAST FORWARD 10 YEARS....

I was stepping off a plane on the beautiful Island of Bermuda. Ready to start my new career working for the “lovely Dr. Leonard and his beautiful wife”.

Very quickly Dr. Teye-Botchway (LTB as he was fondly known as), made it obvious I had made the right decision to move. That kind and caring nature and the friendly approachable manner was just as it had been discussed a decade earlier.

We would frequently chat about Leeds. The hospital, the staff, even Leeds United and their perpetual misfortunes. Over the years LTB helped steer my career in a way I hadn’t even imagined. He was always driven to expand knowledge and keep up with latest technology, keeping the health of his patients in the forefront of his mind.

We hosted parties for our paediatric patients and I even got LTB to dress up as Father Christmas one year. He was sweating wearing the suit and beard yet he wore it the whole time to entertain the children. I learnt so much from LTB. Medically, spiritually, morally. He supported me through some personal difficulties and it was then I realised this man is not just my boss. He was like family to me. His staff were not just numbers on the payroll. He genuinely cared about us and he went to great lengths to show that.

LTB was never the greatest with new technology. Staff would roll their eyes when he appeared with a new cell phone because they new within minutes he would be knocking on their clinic door asking for help to “turn off the alarm” or “ make the screen brighter”. We would then wait for him to proudly come bounding in to show a new feature he’d learnt even though we knew he’d been awake all night figuring it out. I have countless memories of LTB over the decade I worked for him. I am heartbroken to know he is no longer with us. Until we meet again, rest in peace LTB.

My boss, my mentor, my friend.

VIKKI VAUGHAN-JONES

FAMILY TRIBUTES

“A HEART OF GOLD”

Many lessons about life he told;

He was quiet, yet strong; and he always made everyone feel like they belonged!

Uncle Nartei your words of wisdom and encouragement I will hold forever in my heart. Your mantra of love, respect and humility will always be my start.

You taught me so many lessons about life, love, respect and humility. You taught me to be patient and forgiving and how to treat people in the community.

You gave so much of yourself to others. You embraced all as your sisters and brothers. From sitting in the living room talking, to taking pictures and recording your training sessions in the yard, to coming by to help you figure out a new piece of technology or simply coming by to Aunt Ronita or the boys

You would always ask with a big bright smile on your face, “*how are you Betty*”, with so much peace and joy. You were the quiet in the storm. Your presence alone bought peace and love like a swarm.

I will never forget your healthy foods (*most recent the purple yogurt mix at cupmatch*), our talks, your words of encouragement or how you carried yourself.

Poised with respect, honour, humility, peace and love.

You are one of the greatest gifts given to many, from up above!

Your shoes are very big to fill, but my commitment to you is, that I will continue to be the best me I can be, to think before I act, and from my small sphere, make an impact!

Your heart of gold; will

continue to be shared and told.

I love you Uncle Nartei

I will carry you in my heart every day!



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NADIYAH SHAKIR

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I remember Ronita sending us pictures from England, telling us she had met a great guy and that she was going to marry him. Not long after she returned from school, she was walking down the aisle with her husband Leonard; what a beautiful occasion it was.

Knowing Ronita as a close friend for many years, Leonard naturally became our friend. Ronita adopted my children, Kenisha and Cornell, as her Godchildren, and Leonard welcomed them as well.

We enjoyed time spent with Leonard and Ronita, whether it was our early morning walks around Clearwater beach area, fitness Saturdays, partying to celebrate birthdays, or just hanging at their house.

Our son Cornell went to Saltus with Ronita and Leonard's sons, and in their younger years, Cornell would visit their home and play games and watch TV with them.



I remember Leonard's spirit of encouragement, especially on fitness Saturdays with the cross fitness programme in his yard. He used to say, "Sherry, you are doing good," even when I was struggling and tired; but that was Leonard, he had a kind and encouraging word for everyone.

He was a man of God, who stood firm in his faith, and exemplified a Christ-like spirit, and it showed as he interacted with others. You just felt something special in his presence.

Leonard was giving, and all I had to do was call him if one of my children had an eye problem, and he always offered expert advice and care.

One night, he selflessly came to my house after 11pm to inspect my son's eye, and Ronita was there by his side to offer support. He also opened his home for us to host our granddaughter's 10th birthday, which was a really special

event and a big deal, and he treated us just like family who lived there.

On Aug 3rd, 2019, I had my 60th birthday party at Tom Moore's Tavern, and Leonard and I danced and took pictures together. I will remember those moments forever, as that was the last time I saw him...happy with joy in his eyes. He told



me that he thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Leonard, we will see you on that great getting up morning, on the other side. Rest in peace until we meet again.

Love your friends and Godchildren, Cornell Sr. (Bails), Sherry, Cornell Jr., and Kenisha

Uncle Len, as I called him, was a quiet, humble, unassuming man, who through his quietness, actually spoke volumes. He was the essence of excellence, from his career, dedication to fitness, to his work for and with people, and just the overall passion he displayed.

I remember meeting him initially when he married Aunt Nita, and even as a young child, I was so excited for them, as I thought of their international love story, and how exciting it was that they both met and connected in a country that wasn't home to either of them, but they found each other.

I've been around Aunt Nita my whole life, and she became my official, unofficial Godma, and of course, Uncle Len just accepted me as his Godchild as well. I've lived overseas for a long time, and it wasn't until in more recent years that I've seen and spent time with Aunt Nita and Uncle Len.

Their home is always so welcoming and full of love, and not to mention, there is always some yummy treat that Aunt Nita has whipped up!

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I remember fondly a few Christmases ago, we enjoyed a memorable get-together at their home, with lots of fun, games, laughter, food, and great fellowship. I remember observing Uncle Len just laughing and having a great time, and thinking how nice it was to see him “let his hair down”, so to speak, and just have a great time! In that moment, he wasn’t the doctor, but just Uncle Len; family man, husband, father, and friend. He was generous beyond measure, with a heart for people.

I remember having my daughter’s 10th birthday party at Aunt Nita and Uncle Len’s house around the pool, and Aunt Nita was away, but Uncle Len was so accommodating and made sure we had everything we needed, and made us feel so welcome and at home, even with 15 children screaming, splashing, and running all around. I think he kind of enjoyed watching the children have fun and playing in their youthfulness.

The last time I saw him was at my mom’s birthday party in early August, and he looked dapper in his all white suit, and I remember watching him and thinking how nice it was to see him just being Uncle Len; dancing, enjoying life, living in the moment, and spending time with people he loved.



And even in that moment, through the dancing and party festivities, there was still that powerful quietness that he embodied.

A man of few words, but his life spoke volumes for all to hear and experience, and having known him, you are blessed for that opportunity of having interacted with a great man, who leaves a powerful legacy.

2 Timothy 4: 7-8 (NIV)...“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on

that day - and not only to me, but also to all who longed for his appearing.

WITH LOVE, KENISHA FRANCIS-DILL

How do you define a man who always seems to be in control? One who speaks with a whisper, smiles with his heart and listens carefully. One who will always ask: how are you doing? This was done with the intention of receiving your answer and responding with encouraging words. One who never put himself above you as if he were better, instead he operated on the same level. This is a very humble man.... this was Len.

When I was introduced by Ronita to her wonderful husband, I liked him right away. This was mainly because he was quite the opposite of her and if you really know her then you get what I’m saying...lol.

Len was definitely her cooler though (right Ronita?) Whenever I saw him, he would comment on one of my crazy hairstyles, knowing full well that his wife would never be allowed to try that one! I joined him ONCE with the exercise group out in the yard and I thought I would just pass out trying to keep up and all I could hear was: You’re doing good! He had no idea the regret I had at that very moment. His family was his world. A wonderful father and husband and a special friend to me. Len, it was a blessing to call you my friend. Gone for now, but never forgotten!

MARCHAL SANTUCCI

Dr. Leonard Teyebotchway will forever be remembered as a gracious gentlemen with a heart of gold. He was a mentor and friend to many of the Perioperative staff at KEMH.

It was impressive to hear how he had counseled staff when they were having a challenging day or encouraged them to meet their health and wellness goals.

He earnestly cared and listened, and would oftentimes enquire how your family or children were doing.

He did not just make small talk or shoot the breeze with you. Rather, he tried to connect and know you, as he truly appreciated and cared for all the staff who worked with him. This could best be seen in his generous gifts during Christmas or an appreciative hand squeeze at the conclusion of a surgical procedure.

I was always impressed with Dr. Teyebotchway’s faith in the Lord. He used to make it a practice to pray before he started his cases, for he knew his strength was not of himself but of God.

Dr. Teye Botchway, you have run an excellent race and there will truly never be another man like you. You have left an indelible mark on all of us and we are truly blessed to have

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“Be true to who you are, and WHOSE you are ALWAYS”

Gentle Giant! Humble Servant! Peace Maker! Beautiful Man of God! Loving Husband, Father, Family Man and Friend.

Those are the first words that come to mind when we think of Leonard. From the first day we met him in July 1998 at our wedding. He arrived with his beautiful wife Ronita and we have been in “love” with him ever since. We were so thrilled he was a part of the wonderful Reid family, thus our family.

“Be true to who you are, and WHOSE you are ALWAYS”

Leonard was and did! For all beauty we knew of his always gentle, always humble, always loving, always respectful, always peaceful, always Christian spirit personally, we have learned through friends and family who only knew him professionally that he was the same man. What a legacy! Leonard truly walked, ‘his talk’, and more importantly, “God’s walk and talk”.

His legacy will beautifully live on in his beautiful wife, Ronita, their three brilliant sons, his nieces and nephews, other family, friends, patients and those who may never have met him but will feel him through his loved ones. That is how we will honor his life! The way he honored us!

“Be true to who you are, and WHOSE you are ALWAYS”

With wonderful memories of our brother, uncle, friend Leonard, who bore much fruit. The Chapmon-Wynne family will keep you in our hearts forever!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 (NKJ)

~LOVE, KIMBERLY, WALTER, MALAKAI AND JORDYN

Always at your house, so, you would think that I would have special moments there but no, it is always special to be there for me. Whether relaxing doing nothing or eating something that Ronita has whipped up.

For me I had to learn to give you your space when you arrived home as you told me, when I get home I just want to unwind and relax.

So these are special moments and qualities I will always cherish of you my friend. Your quiet but strong and always cool demeanor, your kind and giving spirit. I remember one time we all had a sort of social political discussion and you actually turned it up a notch and even went a little above cool, for one sentence, I was impressed!

I don’t think many people new that you were an aspiring pianist. Yes, Doc. Leonard Teye Botchway the pianist. I must say you were very good at it, your reading and your posture at the piano all good. But you had to give up the lessons for the lack of practice time. At every lesson you would have for me cookies and a drink or some treat.

You cared for my eyes at the office or at home and sometimes without charge and I appreciated that.

I have thought, I wish I could have that cool quiet personality like you. The World was a better place with you and although we did not converse as much as I would have liked I will truly and sincerely miss you Leonard... you have as Paul said it, gained!!!

**YOUR BROTHER
IN CHRIST CHRIS**

I knew Len was special the first time I met him. It was just before He and Ronita married and her wedding dress came in the mail with a flaw. I was her decorator and had directed her to the company that made her dress. She called very up set and asked me to come and help.

When I arrived and directed Ronita to put the dress on and before Len had to leave, because even though the dress was messed up, He still could not see it, He managed to tell me, out of earshot of Ronita, ‘What ever it takes make her happy’.

That African (Who was Ronita marrying, Does she know what she is doing) had my respect.

That respect only grew over the years. Len had a way of pronouncing my name, that made me stand taller, and be proud of who I was, just by saying my name, because He did not say it he pronounced it.

I will miss this gentle man, this powerful man who never raised his voice to show that power. I will miss this man for my friend and his sons, I will miss this man for all who never got to see or a chance to be in the presences of a true example of God’s image, when He made man.

Well done they good and faithful servant, sleep until the trumpet sounds.

FRANCINE TROTT

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LEONARD TEYE-BOTCHWAY

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My husband, Dr. James King, greatly admired Leonard. When he started his practice in Bermuda some 21 years ago, my husband determined to do what he could to smooth Leonard's path in a new country with a different culture, a place he loved to call home. My husband saw in Leonard a hard-working, sincere, brilliant and humble man, much loved by his patients and eager to contribute to our society.

On January 19, 2019, Leonard sent my husband flowers accompanied by a beautiful letter of thanks in which he wrote, "I would also like you to know that you have been an inspiration to me and you are in my thoughts and prayers." My husband was greatly moved by those words.

Within days of my husband's death, Leonard called me to extend his condolences and stated that he was saddened by his passing. He spent time talking about their professional life and likened it to a father/son relationship. We talked of our faith in God. Little did we know how near his passing was approaching.

Leonard was a gentle man who loved his Lord and his family and who gave all he had to help others. Bermuda has lost a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with Ronita and family.

LAUREN KING

Death ends a life; not a relationship Mitch Albom

To say I was shocked to see that Leonard had passed on is an understatement. Leonard was one of the most calm, peaceful and zen people I know. He exuded statesmanship and authority with just his presence. A presence that was quiet yet commanding. We got to know Leonard and Ronita when our boys were young and in the same class at Saltus Grammar School. I was just speaking to him the other day about how our boys were doing and how quickly they had become young men. Life waits for no one we said as we left each other.

Our conversation helped me to understand life is precious and we can all take a page out of Leonard's book - to live life in such a way that we leave behind legacy for others to follow in our footsteps as did Leonard with all the service he had given while here on Earth.

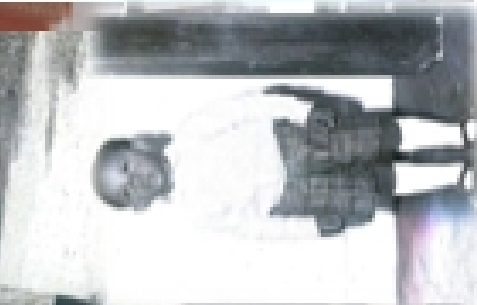
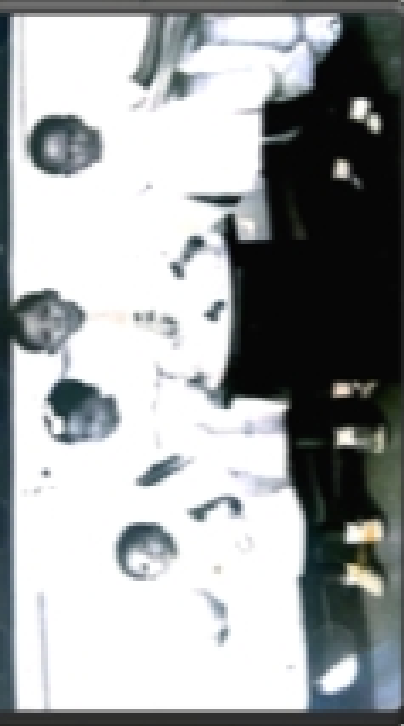
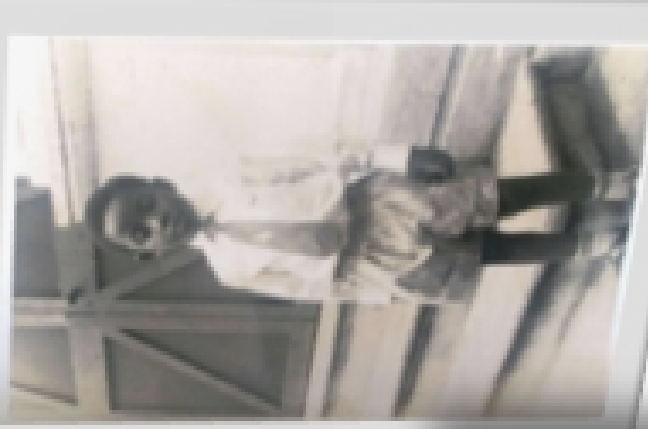
May Leonard rest in peace as his time on earth is a reflection of a life well served and a job well done.

Our sincere condolences to his beloved wife, Ronita, and 3 sons who I hope will be able to take comfort in the words, "Those we love never truly leave us. There are things death cannot touch." Jack Thorne

LOVE CATHY, NICK, RAVEN AND SEDONA - SKY DUFFY







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**THE TEYE-BOTCHWAY AND ALLIED FAMILIES
WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR
PROFOUND GRATITUDE
FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT
AND EXPRESSION OF LOVE
DURING OUR TIME OF SORROW.**

GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU

The Family of Dr. Leonard Teye-Botchway do kindly requests that any donations be made in his name to the two Charities below which he supported in his lifetime.

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